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1. In June 1943, only one Martens Oven of the smallest type ("O") with a capacity of about 30 tons was at work. By the end of February 1946, however, 10 of the 14 Martens ovens formerly in the factory had been repaired. Thus the factory had:

2 Martens "O" ovens )  
6 Martens 50-ton ovens ) working in three shifts.  
2 Martens 100-ton ovens )

Two other 100-ton ovens were under repair in February 1946, and it was estimated that one of these would be working by the end of 1946.

2. The ovens were operated in three 8-hour shifts a day, six days per week. The supply of scrap iron and other raw materials was always adequate and was brought to the plant chiefly by rail, although occasional deliveries of scrap iron were made by Volga river-boats. Occasional work stoppages of from two to three days occurred because of lack of fuel for operation of the furnaces. The fuel, a gasoline by-product called "Mazuth", was brought to Stalingrad mainly by Volga river-boats. During the winter, however, deliveries were often made in railroad tank cars, which were sometimes slow in arriving. It was during these periods that work stoppages generally occurred.
3. Under normal working conditions each oven had to be refilled after eight to nine hours. During the summer the ovens were filled more frequently and the production level was correspondingly higher. During cold weather, on the other hand, the "Mazuth" fuel had to be warmed up before it could be used in the ovens, which slowed down production to about 80% of normal. It is stated that the steel produced is high-grade.

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